



USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

June 9, 2021

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -6.40, up 3.5 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs showed some improvement over the past holiday-shortened week as retailers tapped into limited demand for hard-cooked egg for outdoor gatherings but movement overall was slow. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are weak to lower with more than sufficient supplies and offerings. Trading is slow. Prices on the loose egg market are trending lower on moderate offerings and moderate to fully adequate supplies. Trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are barely steady with moderate offerings and fully adequate supplies. Trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp decline in activity and the average ad price returns to the higher level of the pre-holiday market.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	314,736,922	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt	2.5%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock	306,890,074	(total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate	82.2%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	252,199,397	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	73,495,080	(29.14% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	178,704,317	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	496,401	(eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

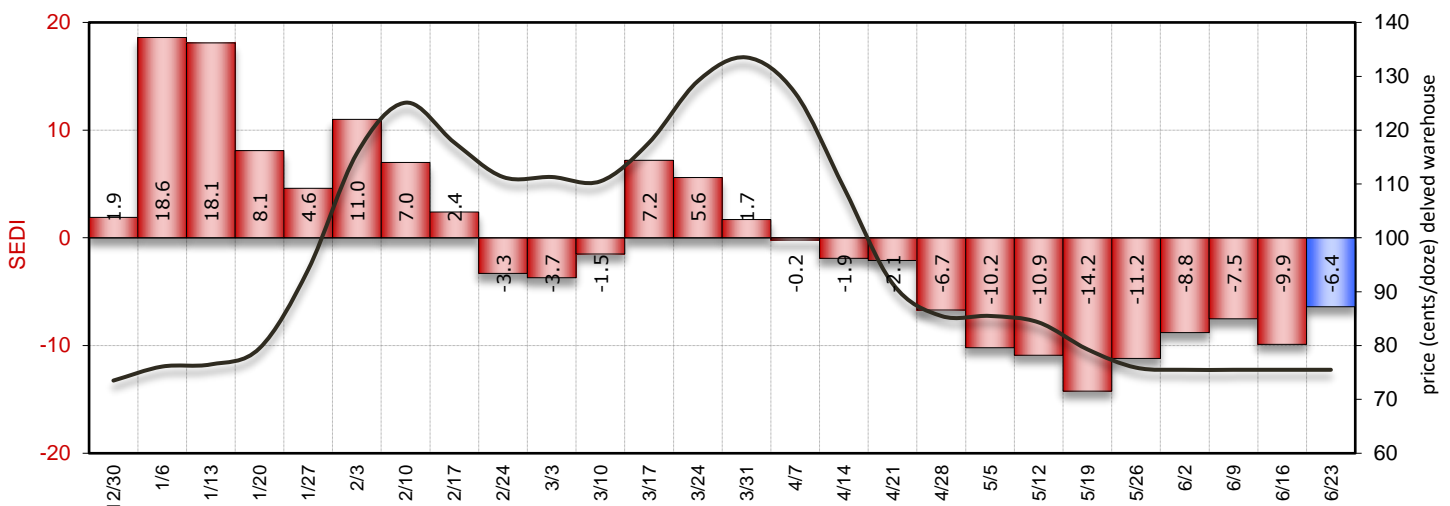
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory	1,612,300	30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock	63.0%	(shell egg inventory cooperators control 63% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day	312,733	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%)) (781,831 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	4.83	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	5.16	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

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-6.40 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: [USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs \(pec-bb\); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type](#)
[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory \(Mon\)](#)
[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection \(Wed\)](#)

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